

# Revelation, Illumination, Inspiration

1 Cor 2.10-16

Man in and of himself has no ability to understand Truth of God.

Mac: ...*Man cannot come to God on his own; but God has come to him. The Holy Spirit has invaded man's closed box and shown him God*

Two types of wisdom: Man's and God's

**I. Revelation**—God reveals His Word

1 Cor. 2:10

**Revealed:** made clear; unveiled

**By His Spirit**—through the instrumentality of Spirit of God

**Unto us:** apostles and believers.

**Searcheth:** penetrates; accurately and thoroughly knows, explores

**Lenski:** *In one timeless act the Spirit sounds the absolute depth of all things.*

**Yea the deep things of God:** innermost recesses of His person, doctrines, attitudes on things...

Barnes: *the hidden counsels or purposes of God; of all his plans and purposes. He sees all his designs. ...*

**Revelation.** Communication of Word of God to man.

Everything about God that man needs to know has been communicated to man by Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 2:11

Only one who knows what's inside a person is person himself.

Only way know ...if he tells you.

*even so the things of God....*

Only way know what God thinking--letting Spirit tell you.

God gave His Word to apostles.

**Matthew Hen:** *Here is a proof of the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures.*

*Paul wrote what he taught: and what he taught was revealed of God by His Spirit.*

2 Pet. 1:21

*Moved:* born along...moved; impelled.

**II. Illumination.** Turning on light.

1 Cor. 2:12

**Spirit of world:** general attitude, character, philosophy, sense

**Hodges:** *spirit is that which knows and teaches. So, 'spirit of the world' is referring to man's tendency to reason out everything he hears and then determine the validity of knowledge*

**But the spirit which is of God.**

...spirit of humility, of true faith, trust toward God...love comes supernaturally from God.

**Received:** to be subject of His influence

***That we might know...***

**Amp:** *That we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts (of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly) bestowed on us by God.*

Teacher--Holy Spirit--teaches us from inside

Luke 12:12 John 14:26 1 John 2:20, 27

**Freely:** graciously; lavishly; generously

Holy Spirit wants to teach everything need

### **III. Inspiration.**

#### **1 Cor. 2:13**

Using very words given by Holy Spirit.

Verbal Inspiration.

Do you believe

Bible contains Word of God?

In thought

Only basic doctrines

Verbal...plenary...inerrant...inspiration of the Scriptures.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

**Inspiration:** God breathed.

Mac: *The spirit used words that the human writers knew and used, but He selected them and arranged them in precisely the order that He wanted. The Bible, therefore not only is God's Word but God's Words*

Matt. 4:4

***Not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth.***

John 17:8

**Wiersbe:** *it is very important to note that these spiritual truths are given in specific words.*

**Comparing:** Combining/matching spiritual truths with spiritual understanding (God's point of view)

#### **1 Cor. 2:14**

**Natural man:** animal man—in mere state of nature,

Man without Christ;

Without Spirit of God within.

**Receiveth not:** not welcome

Not grant access

Not approve of or accept

Not admit into life

Not admit into heart.

**Hodges:** *He will not recognize in his inward experience, their truth, authority, and excellence.*

*...foolishness unto him* Absurd, insipid, powerless, distasteful, dumb, folly meaningless nonsense.

Grk: moronic – fit only for ignorant and unlearned

*Neither can he know them:* discern nature

*... spiritually discerned.* Only understood by means of Holy Spirit.

**Hodges:** *A man's inward state must be changed by the influence of the Spirit before he can apprehend the truth and excellence of the gospel...the only hope of the unrenewed, therefore, is in doing as the blind did in the days of Christ. They must go to him for spiritual discernment; and those who go to Him he will in no wise cast out.*

**A natural man** (unregenerate) has no ability to come to Word of God and make a spiritual evaluation, a spiritual discernment, and come away with a spiritual understanding...

Why? He is spiritually dead

Holy Spirit must supernaturally turn light on in order for man to understand will of God.

**Psa. 119:18**

**Martin Luther:** *The Bible cannot be understood simply by study or talent: you must count only on the influence of the Holy Spirit.*

**John Calvin:** *The testimony of the Spirit is superior to reason. For ...these words will not obtain full credit in the hearts of men until they are sealed by the inward testimony of the Spirit.*

**Lenski:** *Just as a blind man cannot see the sun, so this man cannot see the radiance of the Sun of righteousness; just as a deaf man cannot hear the sweetest music, so this man cannot appreciate the sweet tones of the gospel*

**Luther:** *Man is like a pillar of salt like Lot's wife, yea, like a log and a stone, like a lifeless stature which uses neither eyes nor mouth, neither sense nor heart.... It is wholly God's work of grace which opens the blind ears, the carnal heart, by His \_\_\_\_\_ and His Word.*

**1 Cor. 2:15**

**Spiritual:** \_\_\_\_\_ by Spirit.

**Judgeth:** to discern, appreciate, and then pass \_\_\_\_\_ on.

Examine; investigate.

**All things:** He has a very great \_\_\_\_\_ for accepting and assimilating spiritual truth. Martin.

**Yet he himself is judged of no man.** World has little \_\_\_\_\_ into him.

**Mac:** *It is just as impossible for the world to understand faithful Christians as it is for them to understand God Himself and His Word. They try to appraise believers, of course, but they are always \_\_\_\_\_. They may accurately evaluate our faults, shortcomings, and our living that is inconsistent with our faith. But they cannot accurately evaluate our faith.*

Don't expect world to \_\_\_\_\_ you ...

### **1 Cor. 2:16**

How could man without Christ understand child of God if never had access to mind of \_\_\_\_\_?

**Mac:** *Unbelievers frequently want to correct believers, to argue about the truths we believe and follow. But when they contradict scriptural teaching they are not arguing with us but with \_\_\_\_\_, whose thoughts they do not understand. They are trying to instruct him....Foolish.*

***But we have the mind of Christ.***

**Wiersbe:** *... means to look at life from the Savior's point of view, having His values and desires in mind. It means to think \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts and not think as the world thinks.*

## **So What?**

**We have the mind of Christ!**

**Describe your affections.**

What kind of things are a blessing to you... you enjoy doing?

What kind of things are an offense to you...grieve your spirit?

**What does Revelation mean to you?**

**What does Illumination mean to you?**

**What does inspiration mean to you?**